



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5414

House of Representatives, April 17, 2018

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE JUROR SELECTION PROCESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study jury selection in the state to determine whether processes
3 currently in place result in a fair cross-section of the community being
4 summoned for jury duty and whether a fair cross-section of the
5 community appear for jury service. In connection with such study, the
6 task force may (1) collect statistics and conduct data analysis of jurors
7 appearing for jury service, (2) review juror selection processes and
8 procedures utilized in other jurisdictions, and (3) conduct research that
9 is consistent with the objectives of the study.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court
12 Administrator's designee;

13 (2) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's
14 designee;

15 (3) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's
16 designee;

17 (4) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

18 (5) The Jury Administrator, or the Jury Administrator's designee;

19 (6) The president of the Connecticut Bar Association, or the
20 president's designee;

21 (7) The president of the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut,
22 or the president's designee;

23 (8) The president of the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association,
24 or the president's designee;

25 (9) The president of the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, or
26 the president's designee;

27 (10) The president of the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar
28 Association, or the president's designee; and

29 (11) The deans of The University of Connecticut School of Law,
30 Quinnipiac University School of Law and Yale Law School, or their
31 respective designees.

32 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
33 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
34 filled by the appointing authority.

35 (d) The Chief Court Administrator shall select the chairpersons of
36 the task force from among the members of the task force. Such
37 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which
38 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
39 section.

40 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
42 judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

43 (f) Not later than July 1, 2019, the task force shall report on its
44 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
46 judiciary and to the Chief Court Administrator, in accordance with the
47 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such
48 recommendations may include statutory revisions that would enhance
49 the representativeness of the juror array. The task force shall terminate
50 on the date that it submits such report or July 1, 2019, whichever is
51 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill establishes a task force to study jury selection in the state to determine whether processes currently in place result in a fair cross-section of the community being summoned for jury duty and whether a fair cross-section of the community appear for jury service. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the judiciary committee by July 1, 2019.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 6 (04/02/2018)